

WAINSCOTT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE



Wainscott Citizens Advisory Committee (WCAC) Meeting of February 1, 2020

Member Attendance:

Barry Frankel, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus and acting chair of the meeting
Dennis D'Andrea, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Rick Del Mastro, WCAC Chair Emeritus
Jose Arandia, WCAC Co-Chair Emeritus
Lori Anne Czepiel
Frank Dalene
Michael Hansen
Anthony Liberatore
Sally Sunshine
Phil Young

Excused Absences:

Carolyn Logan Gluck, Chair
Bruce Solomon

Elected Official:

Jeff Bragman, Town Councilman, Liaison to WCAC

Members of the Public:

John Cullen	Gene Polito
Patricia Currie	Ryan Rowzee
Ginny Edwards	Lois Sachs
John Finley	Jim Stone
John Kirrane	Holly Thomas Whitmore
Sam Kramer	Mike Wright, EH Press
Marian Lindberg	
Michael Norbeck	

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Barry Frankel, Co-Chair Emeritus and acting chair of today's meeting, called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

January 2020 minutes

The January 2020 minutes were moved and seconded for approval by Chair Emeritus Dennis D'Andrea, seconded by Member Frank Dalene and then approved by the Members present.

Next Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel invited the members of the public to introduce themselves. Thereafter, he asked Councilman Jeff Bragman to provide his liaison report.

Liaison Report: Councilman Jeff Bragman

View Shed Protection Database

Councilman Jeff Bragman updated the meeting on the status of the technology and database and indicated that he anticipates there will be public access to most of the database information.

Windfarm

Orsted has renewed its request to do testing along Beach Lane, which will be discussed at the upcoming Town Board work session on Tuesday. Councilman Bragman provided details about the proposed drilling and discussed last year's plan that did not go forward. Councilman Bragman reiterated his view that no action should occur until the Article 7 review process is completed. Members of the WCAC raised some questions, including discussion about the Article 7 review process and what the testing would cover. Chair Emeritus Rick Del Mastro suggested that the WCAC issue a letter reminding the Town Board of the WCAC's majority position and its prior position on this matter. Co-Chair Emeritus asked for a sense of the committee of various themes to address in such a letter, and further discussion of the WCAC members ensued. It was determined that the WCAC would send such a letter for the Town Board, including the views of the minority of the members. The meeting then was opened to the public, with input from John Finley and others.

At this point, Councilman Bragman stepped out of the meeting. Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel turned to the Committee Presentations until Councilman Bragman returned to the meeting.

Sub-Committee Reports

ARB

Member Anthony Liberatore reported on several items, including the following: (i) 7 Beach Lane, a request to construct a fence to cultivate additional property at the Babinski Farm; (ii) 30 Wainscott Hollow, in particular questions about lighting impacting the agricultural overlay in the back of the property.

Department of Highways; Police

Chair Emeritus Del Mastro indicated there was nothing new to report.

Code Enforcement

Member Sally Sunshine reported that typically there are two types of complaints: (i) building without a permit and (ii) business being done from a residence. At year-end 2018 there were 127 total complaints, and at year-end 2017 there were 1021 complaints. Member Dalene posed a question about residential street/shoulder parking, and Chair Emeritus Del Mastro offered to reach out to the police if Member Sunshine determines it is not a code enforcement issue. The meeting was reminded that Code Enforcement issues and questions should be directed to Donald Karth, 631-324-3854.

CPF

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel reported on behalf of Co-Chair Emeritus Jose Arandia that no new parcels have been presented.

Planning

Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel reported on behalf of Co-Chair Emeritus Arandia on the status of the Home Sweet Home (HSH) cupola, about which a public hearing was scheduled for the coming Wed. meeting at 6:30pm (public hearing starting at 7pm). Chair Emeritus Del Mastro shared his views about the request and issues with respect to the state of HSH's property. Discussion among the Members, including Member Phil Young sharing his experiences with similar matters involving both the Planning Board as well as the ARB. The WCAC determined to prepare a letter about the HSH matter to submit to the Planning Board, to be prepared by Chair Emeritus Del Mastro. Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel also reported on the ARF dog run.

Building

Member Dalene reported that there is nothing new to report.

Energy Sustainability

Member Dalene reported that the committee has a new chair and is reorganizing so there is nothing new to report.

ZBA

Member Dalene reported that the February 4 agenda has nothing to do with Wainscott.

Continuation of Liaison Report of Councilman Bragman

Airport

Councilman Bragman reported on the recent public meeting at Rowdy Hall, at which he was a panelist. He then addressed the developing process and framework to decide on relevant issues, including a series of Town Hall meetings for public input and transparency on specific topics and basic information such as the following: (i) facts to know about the airport property itself (zoning, prior contamination, surrounding uses, wells, watershed, etc.); (ii) the economics of the airport (who uses it and where do they go, employees, benefits to community, impacts of traffic diversion, etc.); (iii) noise, pollution, environmental, energy, safety and other impacts; (iv) impact on

neighbors outside East Hampton. He expects a similar process to the Hamlet studies process, to develop a plan for the most appropriate uses for the site that fits with long-term planning goals and identify requirements from the aviation community that may present alternatives to closing the facility. WCAC members raised questions, including Members Dalene and Liberatore, Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel and Member Michael Hansen who discussed the WCAC's airport subcommittee goals and initiatives. Members of the public, including members from neighboring communities such as Southampton and the North Fork as well as the local helicopter and aviation community, then raised questions and contributed information about prior surveys and reports that could serve as a baseline for the overall discussion.

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Following the conclusion of the airport discussion, Member Liberatore then raised a concern re: gunshots heard throughout the south of the highway residential community and gun shells he found on Westwood. Discussion among the WCAC and members of the public then ensued about similar gunshot sounds they have heard recently. Chair Del Mastro offered to raise the issue with the police chief.

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Co-Chair Emeritus Frankel closed the meeting at 12:06pm pursuant to a motion moved and seconded by Members Liberatore and Dalene, respectively.

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Next Meeting: March 7, 2020, 9am, Wainscott Chapel.